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ICE and CBP team up to seize 70 kilos of cocaine with a street value of more than \$1 million

MIAMI— A shipment of 70 kilograms of cocaine with a street value of more than \$1 million bound for the streets of Miami was seized here this weekend as a result of a combined effort by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP).

The contraband, which was seized in two parts, was hidden within wooden pallets of an empty shipping container. The first load was discovered aboard the Providence II, a Haitian registered cargo ship that arrived at the Miami River, while the second load was discovered in the shipping yard.

“Drug traffickers who think Miami is an easy way to bring drugs into the United States need to think again,” said Jesus Torres, special agent-in-charge of ICE in Miami. “ICE and CBP remain vigilant and united. We will continue using all our resources and authorities to stop illegal contraband from entering the United States.”

“This is another example of CBP officers and ICE special agents in the field, working hard to protect our borders from all threats to the United States, including illegal narcotics,” said Thomas S. Winkowski, CBP’s director of field operations for the Miami Field Office.

No arrests have been made in connection to this seizure; however, the ICE investigation into this case is ongoing.

We encourage the public to report any suspicious activity linked to this case, or any other case by dialing ICE’s toll-free hotline at 1-866-DHS-2ICE. The lines are staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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